

a.) Amendments to Specification

Please amend the paragraph at page 6, lines 17-28 to read as follows.

The tablet production method in ~~claim 1~~ the present invention is a tableting method for compressing molding material by means of punches and dies. Powdered or granular material including compound which is denaturalized or inactivated when tabletted at high pressure is used as the molding material. The punches and the dies are housed in a spraying chamber. Pulsating vibration air is generated, and lubricant mixed in air is sprayed in the spraying chamber. The surfaces of punches and dies are applied with lubricant while lubricant sprayed in the spraying chamber is mixed with pulsating vibration air. Then molding material is tabletted by means of the punches and dies applied with the lubricant on the surface thereon.

Please amend the paragraph at page 9, lines 13-23 to read as follows.

According to ~~the~~ a preferred tablet production method ~~as set forth in claim 2,~~ molding material is compressed by means of punches and dies. The method uses solid dispersion powdered or granulated as molding material. The punches and the dies are housed in a spraying chamber, pulsating vibration air is generated therein, and lubricant mixed in air is sprayed. The lubricant is applied on the surfaces of the punches and the dies while the lubricant sprayed in the spraying chamber is mixed with the pulsating vibration air and the molding material is tabletted by ~~means of~~ the lubricated punches and the lubricated dies.

Please amend the paragraph at page 13, lines 4-14 to read as follows.

According to the tablet production method for compressing molding material by means of punches and ~~dies as set forth in claim 3~~ dies, powdered or granular ~~material~~ material, including compound which is denaturalized or inactivated when tabletted at high ~~pressure~~ pressure, is used as molding material. The punches and the dies are housed in a spraying chamber, the lubricant is applied on the surfaces of the punches and the dies while the lubricant sprayed in the spraying chamber is mixed with positive pulsating vibration air, and the molding material is tabletted by ~~means of~~ the punches applied with the lubricant on the surface ~~thereof~~ thereof, and the dies applied with the lubricant on the surface thereof.

Please amend the paragraph at page 14, lines 4-13 to read as follows.

According to ~~the~~ another tablet production method for compressing molding material by means of punches and ~~dies as set forth in claim 4~~, dies, solid dispersion powdered or granulated ~~is used as the molding material~~ is used for molding. The punches and the dies are housed in a spraying chamber, lubricant is applied on the surfaces of the punches and the dies while the lubricant sprayed in the spraying chamber is mixed with positive pulsating vibration air, and the molding material is tabletted by ~~means of~~ the punches applied with the lubricant on the surface ~~thereof~~ thereof, and the dies applied with the lubricant on the surface thereof.

Please amend the paragraph at page 15, lines 5-9 to read as follows.

According to the tablet production method ~~as set forth in claim 5~~, spraying amount per tablet in the sampling chamber ~~of the tablet production method described in any one of claims 1-4 is defined~~ is preferably greater than or equal to 0.0001 weight percent and less than or equal to 0.2 weight percent.

Please amend the paragraph at page 15, lines 22-25 to read as follows.

According to the tablet production method ~~as set forth in claim 6~~, the punches ~~described in any one of claims 1-5 are~~ may be provided with a projected line for ~~forming a dividing line of a tablet.~~

Please amend the paragraph at page 16, lines 4-14 to read as follows.

The tablet production method ~~in claim 7~~ is desirably characterized in that the following steps ~~as set forth in claim 1 or 2~~ are continuously executed; housing the punches and the dies in the sampling chamber; generating pulsating vibration air, spraying lubricant mixed in air in the spraying chamber, and applying the lubricant on the surfaces of the punches and the dies while the lubricant sprayed in the spraying chamber is mixed with the pulsating vibration air, and tableting the molding material by ~~means of the~~ punches applied with the lubricant on the surface thereof and the dies applied with the lubricant on the surface thereof.

Please amend the paragraph at page 16, lines 20-28 to read as follows.

The tablet production method ~~in claim 8~~ is further characterized in that the following procedures ~~as set forth in claim 3 or 4~~ are continuously executed; housing the punches and the dies in the spraying chamber; applying the lubricant on the surfaces of the punches and the dies while the lubricant sprayed in the spraying chamber is mixed with the positive pulsating vibration air; and tableting the molding material ~~by means of the punches applied with the lubricant on the surface thereof~~ thereof, and the dies applied with the lubricant on the surface thereof.

Please amend the paragraph at page 17, lines 4-8 to read as follows.

The tablet production method ~~in claim 9~~ is may be characterized in that tableting pressure for the molding compound ~~by means of the punches applied with the lubricant on the surface thereof and the dies applied with the lubricant on the surface thereof~~ is ~~low in the method as set forth in any one of claims 1-8~~ reduced.

Please amend the paragraph at page 17, lines 25-28 to read as follows.

The tablet ~~described in claim 10~~ includes granule containing active agent in diluting agent and lubricant only on the surface thereof and the granule is compound powdered or granulated which is denaturalized or inactivated when tabletted at high pressure.

Please amend the paragraph at page 18, lines 8-11 to read as follows.

The tablet ~~as set forth in claim 11~~ includes granule containing active agent in diluting agent and lubricant only on the surface thereof, and the granule is solid dispersion powdered or granulated.

Please amend the paragraph at page 18, lines 18-21 to read as follows.

~~According to the tablet described in claim 12;~~ Accordingly, the lubricant amount per tablet ~~as set forth in claim 10 or 11~~ is preferably greater than or equal to 0.0001 weight percent and less than or equal to 0.2 weight percent.

Please delete the paragraph at page 19, lines 5-6.

Please amend the paragraph at page 19, lines 15-18 to read as follows.

The tablet in ~~claim 14~~ is characterized in that the tablet as having set forth in ~~any one of claims 10-13~~ has a dividing line on the surface thereof.